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Sir:

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DE 94 07 567 English abstract not available.

EP 0 836 054 discloses that the regulator of a gas burner (3) has two parallel gas feeds (4,5). One feed (4) has a flow restriction (6) in series with an on/off solenoid valve (8) while the other feed (5) has a switching solenoid (7) in series with a buffer volume (9). The switching solenoid provides a variable mean flow by varying the switching frequency or by varying the spatial ratio of the on/off periods. The buffer volume is sufficiently large to even out the pressure variation from the switching valve. The flow restriction provides a between one sixth and one twentieth of the maximum flow through the switching valve ie. the fully open flow through the switching valve.

DE 101 01 733 discloses that a burner (1) has an ignition device (2) and a flame monitor (3). A gas feed pipe (5) branches into first (5.1) and second (5.2) parallel gas feed pipe sections for which gas flows are each regulated by first (7) and second (6) valves and gas outlets connect up with a burner nozzle (4). The second valve in the second parallel gas feed pipe is designed for gas through-flow to achieve a low power setting. The first valve is designed for full flame. An Independent claim is also included for a device for carrying out the method of the present invention by branching a gas feed pipe into two parallel gas feed pipe sections.

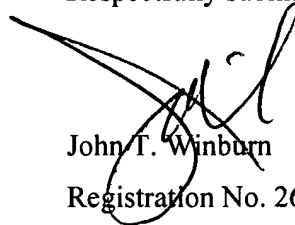
DE 41 33 660 indicates that the regulator for a gas burner (2) uses a control element (3) for opening and closing the gas supply line for the burner and time-dependent operation of

the control element e.g. under control of a temp. sensor (7) in the vicinity of the burner. Pref. the burner comprises a ceramic burner with an ignition gas jet (9). The control element (3) controls the ignition gas line, the ignition gas flame detected via a thermoelement (11).

EP 0 135 157 indicates that in an apparatus for cooking or for heating equipped with several gas burners some or all where of are intended for cyclic operation, the gas line of each such burner incorporating valve means to control gas flow to said burner and ignition means, the valve means of each gas burner intended for cyclic operation being associated with a cycle timing device comprising a timer and a valve controlled by said timer characterized in that the valve means in the gas line to each gas burner intended for cyclic operation (1A through 1E) is a multi-way valve (4A through 4E) with two alternative inlets (41, 42), gas passing to each such burner intended for cyclic operation through either of said inlets, one of said two inlets (41) being connected by a gas line (3A through 3E) to a main gas line (2) and the other one of said inlets (42) being connected to a cyclic-operation gas line common to all such multiway valves associated with said burners intended for cyclic operation (5) and in that said common cyclic-operation gas line (5) is connected to said main gas line (2) through a valve (7) controlled by the timer (8) of one cycle timing device common to all such burners intended for sequential operation (6).

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